

**ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good**

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 31.

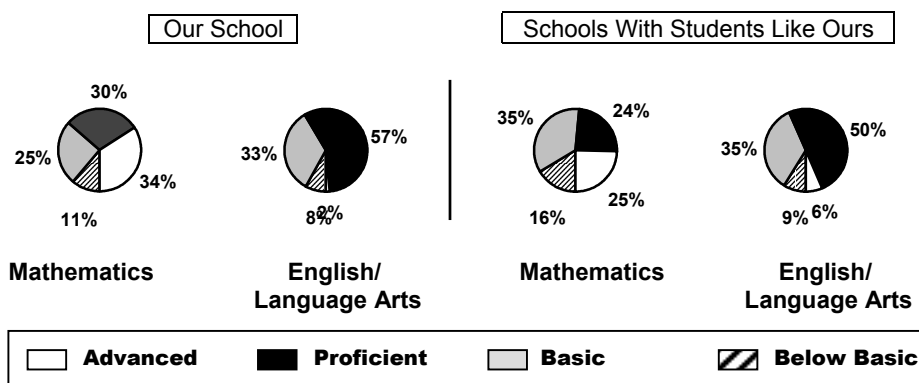
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to average.

**RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD**



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

**PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS**



**DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=135)</b>	91.9	88.9	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=15)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=120)	95	95		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=76)	93.4	92.1		
Female (n=59)	89.8	84.7		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=16)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=116)	93.1	90.5		
Other (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=25)	N/A	N/A		
Pay for lunch (n=110)	94.5	91.8		

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

**INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,733	N/A	\$4,793	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	89.9%	Down from 90%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	14.1 to 1	N/A	20.2 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=311)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	97.1%	Down from 97.2%	96.6%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	8.9%	N/A	2.8%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	7.4%	N/A	2%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	98%	Up from 92.8%	93.5%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	0.6%	Down from 4.1%	1.7%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=29)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.4 Days	Down from 8.8	8 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.9%	Down from 94.8%	94.8%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	62.1%	Down from 64.3%	52.8%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	89.7%	Down from 96.4%	88.1%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	88.5%	Down from 89.9%	89.1%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,879	Up 4.0%	\$39,632	\$37,520

**SCHOOL FACTS**

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	66%	N/A	65.7%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	24	N/A	6	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	96.4%	N/A	96.4%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	23.8%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Up from 0.4%	0.7%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	22.4%	Up from 16.8%	26.8%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	3.6%	Down from 5.3%	6.8%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Bethel Elementary is an exciting and nurturing place to learn, successfully blending a family atmosphere of caring educators with high expectations for academic success. Striving to meet these challenges is evident in the following accomplishments:

- \*PACT scores that traditionally place Bethel above district and state averages;
- \*A strong character education program;
- \*An active and involved PTA, School Improvement Council, and parent mentoring program;
- \*Incentive programs such as Accelerated Reader, Charlotte Hornets Books and Bugs, honor roll, and principal pals recognition.

Administrative support allows the faculty, staff, and students at Bethel Elementary to model excellence. An atmosphere of community encourages teachers and students to meet their potential.

Teachers are working toward national board certification, participating in the SC Reading Initiative, pursuing advanced degrees, presenting at conferences, and mentoring fellow educators.

Bethel students are challenged to grow and mature emotionally, socially, and aesthetically as well as academically. They participate in the artist in residence program, fine arts festivals, student council, community service projects, the conflict resolution program Second Step, a weekly student led televised news program, fourth grade work crew, and other activities throughout the year which integrate the nine character traits they study into their daily behavior and learning.

Bethel Elementary has a strong commitment to educating the whole child.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	96.7	82.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	74.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	85.1	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Bethel Elementary  
6000 Highway 55 East  
Clover, SC 29710

Grades PK-4 Elementary School

Enrollment: 311 Students

#### Principal

Mr. Robert Parker 803-831-7816

#### Superintendent

Betty D. Riddle 803-222-7191

#### Board Chair

D. Larry Falls 704-867-3843

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Excellent

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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